control to small scale sector units is concerned, this facility was available to certain categories of Small Scale Sector Units even under DPCO, 1979. The same has been continued with modifications under DPCO, 1987, vide Government Order No. S.O. 924(E) dated 16.10.1987 which was superceded by another Order No. S.O. 719(E) dated 21.7.1988. This order was issued so as to ensure that Organised Sector Units do not take undue advantage of the exemption order announced on 16.10.1987, and the Order *inter alia*, stipulates that Unit/Company availing exemption in violation of this order shall be liable for penal action and to deposit dues to Government with retrospective effect, if any.

A few instances of violation of provisions of exemption Order have come to the notice of the Government. The details are given in the statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Companies	Product involved
1	M/s. Novocare	Magadol Tablets.
2	M/s. Celsus	Ibudex Capsules.
3	M/s. Ultim	Proxyvon range of formulations.
4	M/s. Carews	Combiflam Tablets.
5	M/s. Denis Pharmacy	Flagyl Injections.
6	M/s. Stancare	Brustan Tablets.
7	M/s. Vax Institute	Anaflam Tablets.

Background of pricing of Dexona range of formulations

1184. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what were the factors kept in view for determining the price of Dexona range of formulations from 1979 onwards;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the producer has been shielded for over charging of prices by Government;

(c) whether it is also a fact that facts have been presented in a distorted manner;

(d) what are the details of over charging and what is the amount over charged and since when; and

(e) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) There is a set formula and fixed norms both under DPCO, 1979 & 1987 to calculate the prices of formulations. The same have been applied while fixing the prices of Dexona range of formulations under DPCO, 1979 and 1987.

(b) No; Sir.

(c) to (e) M/s. Cadila has claimed that all the prices of Dexona range of formulations fixed by the Government from time to time has been implemented by them. The company have furnished certain details in this regard. In order to verify their

claim, certain more details are required from the company.

Details of Insecticides

1185. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2054 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 1991 and state ;

(a) what are the names and details of Insecticides for which safe formulation technology, process technical know how have been developed so far by the Institute of Pesticides Formulation Technology, Gurgaon (Haryana);

(b) what are the names and criteria laid down by the Institute for commercialisation of the formulation technologies, product-wise; and

(c) what are the details of the most efficient formulation equipments/machinery identified by the Institute for Pesticide Formulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The Institute of Pesticide Formulation Technology have informed that the names of the insecticides for which safe formulation technology and process technical know how have been developed by them are Carboxin a fungicide, Isoproturon a herbicide and Bacillus Spharicus and Bacillus Thringiensis biocides. The formulations are water based flowable for carboxin and Isoproturon and a self spreading oil formulation for the biocides.

(b) As per the information received from the Institute, a Technical Committee constituted by the Governing Body of the Institute is presently in the process of finalisation of the norms and criteria for the commercialisation of the formulation technologies.

(c) The Institute also informed that the equipments required for most efficient and environment friendly formulations identified are water dispersible granulator and dynomill, the former is for the manufacture of water dispersible granules and the latter for the manufacture of flowable formulations.

Gas cracker project in Assam

@1186. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 597 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 1991 and state what was the initial estimated cost of the Gas Cracker Project being set up in Assam and what is its present cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): The initial estimated cost of the gas cracker project as indicated in the Letter of Intent dated 25-1-1991 granted to Assam State Industrial Development Corporation was Rs. 1509 crores. The firm's present cost of the project will be known only after the preparation of detailed feasibility report by the project authorities. However, the approximate cost of a gas based cracker complex today would be in the range of Rs. 3500 crores or so.

Gas cracker project

@@1187. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 597 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 1991 and state by when the work on setting up of gas cracker project in Assam is likely to start ?

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